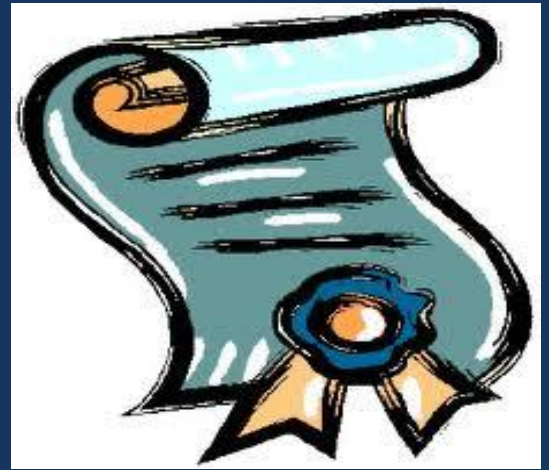


The Calvin Ball Bulletin

Legislation Edition: February 2012



This newsletter is purely dedicated to legislation relating to Howard County and will be distributed after the County Council profile deadline which is typically the last Thursday of the month. It will include legislation under consideration by the Howard County Council and the Howard County State legislation. Included within each section you will find a brief description of each of



the proposed legislation and a link to view online. I hope you find this information helpful and are able to take advantage of this opportunity to become more engaged. If you'd like to offer testimony on any legislation for

consideration by the Howard County Council, please send an email to Councilmail@howardcountymd.gov. The Howard County State Legislation began Wednesday, January 11, 2012 and for your convenience, I have included the bills under consideration by the Howard County Delegation and the Maryland General Assembly that may be of interest to you. If you would like to submit testimony, please email hoc1@mlis.state.md.us.

Howard County Council INTRODUCTIONS

*All current Council legislation can be found online at <http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/Displayprimary.aspx?ID=4294968832>.

CR11-2012 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Nellie A. Hutt to the Public Ethics Commission

Final Action:

Votes:

To view the resolution online, visit

<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CR11-2012.pdf>.

CR 12-2012 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Kristina Demme to the Howard County Animal Matters Hearing Board.

Final Action:

Votes:

To view the resolution online, visit

<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CR12-2012.pdf>.

CR 13-2012 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Ann M. Geddes to the Board of Directors of the Howard County Mental Health Authority

Final Action:

Votes:

To view the resolution online, visit

<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CR13-2012.pdf>.

CR 14-2012 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Stephen M. Liggett-Creel to the Board of Directors of the Howard County Mental Health Authority.

Final Action:

Votes:

To view the resolution online, visit

<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CR14-2012.pdf>.

CR 15-2012 Introduced by: Chairperson at the

request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Elizabeth Singer to the Environmental Sustainability Board.

Final Action:

Votes:

To view the resolution online, visit

<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CR15-2012.pdf>.

CR 16-2012 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Ned Tillman to the Environmental Sustainability Board.

Final Action:

Votes:

To view the resolution online, visit

<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CR16-2012.pdf>.

GENERAL

CB71-2012 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of Cynthia Lynn and David Lynn

An ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to amend the Conditional Uses Section to establish a new Conditional Use category that allows boutique hotels under certain conditions; and generally related to boutique hotels.

Final Action:

Votes:

To view the resolution online, visit

<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CB7-2012.pdf>.

FINAL CONSIDERATION

CR 1-2012 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Brian Daugherty to the Howard County Local Children's Board.

Final Action:

Votes:

To view the resolution online, visit

<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CR1-2012.pdf>.

CR 2-2012 Introduced by: Chairperson at the**request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Scott E. Hale to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board.

Final Action:

Votes:

To view the resolution online, visit

<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CR2-2012.pdf>.

CR 3-2012 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Stephen Harrison to the Howard County Local Children's Board.

Final Action:

Votes:

To view the resolution online, visit

<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CR3-2012.pdf>.

CR 4-2012 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of William Wurzell to the Housing and Community Development Board.

Final Action:

Votes:

To view the resolution online, visit

<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CR4-2012.pdf>.

CR 5-2012 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Lynn Albizo to the Commission on Disability Issues.

Final Action:

Votes:

To view the resolution online, visit

<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CR5-2012.pdf>.

CR 6-2012 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Arthur C. Gold to the Commission on Disability Issues.

Final Action:

Votes:

To view the resolution online, visit
<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CR6-2012.pdf>.

CR 7-2012 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Margaret Kim to the Equal Business Opportunity Commission.

Final Action:

Votes:

To view the resolution online, visit
<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CR7-2012.pdf>.

CR 8-2012 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Diane Richardson to the Commission on Disability Issues.

Final Action:

Votes:

To view the resolution online, visit
<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CR8-2012.pdf>.

FINANCIAL

CB 1-2012 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT amending Council Bill No. 48-2011 that authorizes and provides for the issuance, sale and delivery of general obligation bonds of the County for the purposes of financing certain capital projects of the County.

Final Action:

Votes:

To view the bill online, visit
<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CB1-2012.pdf>.

SAO3-FY2012 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT transferring \$264,723 from the Grants Fund, Contingency Reserve to the Department of Technology and Communication Services for a grant to provide overtime funding for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants Program.

Final Action:

Votes:

To view the SAO online, visit

<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/SAO3-FY2012.pdf>.

SAO4-FY2012 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT transferring \$40,000 from the Grants Fund, Contingency Reserve to the Department of Housing and Community Development for a grant to provide rental assistance to eligible low-income residents with critical and emergency housing needs.

Final Action:

Votes:

To view the SAO online, visit
<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/SAO4-FY2012.pdf>

GENERAL

CR9-2012 Introduced by: The Chairperson

A RESOLUTION calling the County Council of Howard County, Maryland into legislative session on March 29, 2012, in lieu of the legislative session that would normally be held on April 2, 2012.

Final Action:

Votes:

To view the resolution online, visit
<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CR9-2012.pdf>.

CB 2-2012 (ZRA 137) Introduced by: Courtney Watson, Councilperson

AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to permit Community Swimming Pools to send density under the Neighborhood Preservation Program in the R-ED, R-20, and R-12 zoning districts, under certain conditions; establish a reduced rear setback of 15 feet on R-ED zoned lots that adjoin an open space lot; and generally related to Community Swimming Pools and rear setbacks.

Final Action:

Votes:

To view the bill online, visit
<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CB2-2012.pdf>.

CB 3-2012 (ZRA 135) Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of Viram Patel

AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to amend the Riding Academies and Stables Conditional Use category to change required setback provisions; and generally relating to Riding Academies and Stables.

Final Action:

Votes:

To view the bill online, visit

<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CB3-2012.pdf>.

CB 4-2012 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a multi-year Amended and Restated Developer Agreement and Right of Entry for a Major Public Sewer System between Howard County, Maryland and Ellicott Meadows, LLC for the acquisition of the Orchard Meadows Water Main; and authorizing the County Executive to take certain actions in connection with the Agreement.

Final Action:

Votes:

To view the bill online, visit

<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CB4-2012.pdf>.

CB 5-2012 (ZRA 138) Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the Marsha S. McLaughlin, Director, Department of Planning and Zoning

AN ACT removing a requirement that pick-your-own-enterprises located in the RC (Rural Conservation) Zoning District have frontage on and direct access to certain types of roads, requiring that all necessary permits and licenses to be obtained from the Health Department prior to use as a pick-your-own enterprise, and generally relating to the Howard County Zoning Regulations.

Final Action:

Votes:

To view the bill online, visit

<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CB5-2012.pdf>.

CR 10-2012 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive.

A RESOLUTION authorizing Ken Ulman, Howard County Executive, to file an application with the Maryland Transit Administration of the Maryland Department of Transportation for a Sections 5303, 5304, 5307, 5309, 5310, 5311, 5316 and/or 5317 grants under the Federal Transit Act.

Final Action:

Votes:

To view the resolution online, visit

<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CR10-2012.pdf>.

CB 6-2012 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive.

AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a multi-year Agreement between Howard County, Maryland and Recall Total Information Management Inc., and Recall Secure Destruction Services, Inc., both subsidiaries of Recall Corp.; and authorizing the County Executive to take certain actions in connection with the

Agreement.

Final Action:

Votes:

To view the bill online, visit

<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CB6-2012.pdf>.

TABLED

CB 57-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson based on the recommendation of the Redistricting Commission

AN ACT repealing and reenacting Subtitle 3 "Councilmanic Districts" of Title 5 "County Council" of the Howard County Code to adopt redistricting maps and council district descriptions which will establish new council districts for Howard County in accordance with Howard County Charter Section 202(f) "Redistricting"; and generally relating to Redistricting.

Final Action: Tabled 1/3/12

Votes: Unanimous

To view the bill online, visit

<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CB57-2011.pdf>.

CR 150-2011 Introduced by: Greg Fox

A RESOLUTION proposing to add a section to Article VIII. "Centralized Purchasing" of the Howard County Charter to limit the exercise of the power of eminent domain so that the power is used only for public purposes and not for private economic development, and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution.

Final Action: Tabled 10/3/11

Votes: Yea – Council Members Fox, Sigaty, Terrasa, and Watson; Nay – Council Member Ball

To view the resolution online, visit

<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CR150-2011.pdf>.

CR 156-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Debra Poquette to the Howard County Board of Directors of the Revenue Authority.

Final Action: Tabled 11/7/11

Votes: Unanimous

To view the resolution online, visit

<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CR156-2011.pdf>.

CR 174-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION adopting the Open/Closed Chart, pursuant to the Adequate Public Facilities Act of Howard County, to designate the school regions and school districts that are open for residential development.

Final Action: Reconsidered & Tabled 1/3/12

Votes: Unanimous

To view the resolution online, visit

<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CR174-2011.pdf>.

CR 175-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION adopting the Open/Closed Chart, pursuant to the Adequate Public Facilities Act of Howard County, to designate the school regions and school districts that are open for residential development.

Final Action: Tabled 12/5/11

Votes: Unanimous

To view the resolution online, visit

<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CR175-2011.pdf>.

CR 180-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Deborah St. Lawrence Thompson to the Howard County Local Children's Board.

Final Action: Tabled 1/3/12

Votes: Unanimous

To view the resolution online, visit

<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/CR180-2011.pdf>.

THE PROCESS

The County Council is responsible for adopting the laws of the County. The legislative process generally follows a monthly cycle:

- 1st Monday - New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration
- 3rd Monday - Public hearing on legislation introduced that month
- 4th Monday - Legislative work session, if needed
- 1st Monday - New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration

Council bills must be signed or vetoed by the County Executive within 10 days of the Council's presentation of passed legislation.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Unless otherwise noted, the County Council will hold its meetings in the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD.

The next meetings are as follows:

- Tuesday, January 3, 2012 Legislative Session at 7:30pm
- Monday, January 9, 2012 Monthly Meeting (C. Vernon Gray Room) at 12:30pm
- Tuesday, January 17, 2012 Legislative Public Hearing at 7:30pm
- Monday, January 23, 2012 Work Session (C. Vernon Gray Room) at 4:30pm
- Tuesday, January 24, 2012 Quarterly Meeting with Board of Education (C. Vernon Gray Room) at 8:15am

* Please note these dates are subject to change. To access the most up-to-date calendar of meetings, visit <http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/displayprimary.aspx?ID=6442459444>.

Can't attend a meeting but still want to stay involved? You can stream the Council's sessions online by visiting www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CC_WatchUs.htm and click on the meeting you would like to watch. The Council's sessions are also streamed real time on this website.

Howard County State Legislation



The 2012 legislative session will began January 11, 2012 and will last for 90 days. So that our residents may stay engaged in topics impacting Howard County, I wanted to share with you some bills that may be of interest to you.

Ho.Co.01 (LR 578) (Creation of a State Debt – Carroll Baldwin Hall) Introduced by the Howard County Chair at the request of the County Executive

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Carroll Baldwin Memorial Institute, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Final Action:

Votes:

Ho.Co.02 (LR 715) (Creation of a State Debt – Roger Carter Recreation Center) Introduced by the Howard County Chair at the request of the County Executive

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Final Action:

Votes:

Ho.Co.03 (LR 797) (Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Supported Living Facility) Introduced by the Howard County Chair at the request of the County Executive

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$130,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Supported Living, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Final Action:

Votes:

Ho.Co.04 (LR 712) (Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – South Branch Park) Introduced by the Howard County Chair at the request of the County Executive

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for

disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Final Action:

Votes:

Ho.Co.05 (LR 856) (Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Greenleaf Community Association Sidewalk) Introduced by Delegate Guzzone at the request of the Greenleaf Community Association

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$30,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Greenleaf

Community Association, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Final Action:

Votes:

Ho.Co.06 (LR 552) (Howard County – Casino Events - Authorized) Introduced by Delegates James Malone and Warren Miller

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain organizations to hold certain casino events in Howard County at certain intervals of time; requiring an organization to obtain a permit from the Howard County Department of Inspections, Licenses, and Permits before operating a casino event; requiring the Howard County Executive to forward a recommendation to the Howard County Council concerning the fee to be charged for a permit; requiring the County Council adopt by resolution the amount of the permit fee; specifying the types of organizations eligible to conduct a casino event; requiring a permit holder for a casino event to ensure that certain standards are met; prohibiting a permit holder from offering cumulative money prizes in excess of a certain amount; specifying certain prohibited acts and reporting requirements for a permit holder for a casino event; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations governing casino events; altering in Howard County the application of certain general provisions of law governing gaming in the State; establishing certain exceptions to prohibitions against conducting a casino event or operating or awarding prizes using certain gaming devices; and generally relating to casino events in Howard County.

Final Action:

Votes:

Ho.Co.07 (LR 594) (Howard County – Alcoholic Beverage Sales – Golf Courses) Introduced by Senator James Robey and Delegates Guy Guzzone and Warren Miller

FOR the purpose of altering the starting time for selling beer, wine, and liquor at certain golf courses in Howard County that hold a certain license; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Howard County.

Final Action:

Votes:

Ho.Co.08 (LR 579) (Howard County – Massage Establishment and Taxicab Licenses – Criminal History Records Check) Introduced by the Howard County Chair at the request of the County Executive

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Howard County Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits to request from the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository a State and national criminal history records check for an applicant for a massage establishment license, taxicab license, or renewal of a massage establishment license or taxicab license; requiring that the department submit certain sets of fingerprints and fees to the Central Repository as part of the application for a criminal history records check; requiring the Central Repository to forward to the applicant and the department the applicant's criminal history record information under certain circumstances; establishing that information obtained from the Central Repository under this Act is confidential, may not be disseminated, and may be used only for certain purposes; authorizing a subject of a criminal history records check under this Act to contest the contents of a certain printed statement issued by the Central Repository; authorizing the governing body of Howard County to adopt guidelines to carry out this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to criminal history records checks in Howard County.

Final Action:

Votes:

Ho.Co.09 (LR 631) (Howard County – Workers' Compensation – Students in Unpaid Work-Based Learning Experiences) Introduced by Senator Allan Kittleman

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Howard County Board of Education to waive the requirement that a participating employer reimburse the county for the cost of certain workers' compensation insurance coverage for students placed in unpaid work-based learning experiences; and generally relating to the waiver of workers' compensation reimbursement in connection with unpaid work-based learning experiences.

Final Action:

Votes:

Maryland General Assembly: State Related Legislation



The Maryland General Assembly is now in session and will adjourn April 9, 2012. In order for our residents to stay engaged in topics that may affect Howard County, I have shared some bills that may be of interest to you.

House Bill 173 (Maryland: Election Law - Voter Registration Agencies - Electronic Signatures) Sponsored by Delegates Ben Cardin and Ronald A. George)

Authorizing an applicant registering to vote at a voter registration agency to consent to the use of an electronic copy of the applicant's signature that is on file with the voter registration agency as the applicant's signature for the application being submitted; and requiring a voter registration agency to transmit an electronic copy of the signature of specified applicants for voter registration to the State Board within 5 days.

Final Action:

Votes:

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/HB0173.htm>

House Bill 258 (Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Sale or Transfer of Solar Renewable Energy Credits – Elimination of Minimum Required Term)

Sponsored by Delegate Haddaway-Riccio

Eliminating the minimum required term for specified contracts involving the sale or transfer of solar energy credits.

Final Action:

Votes:

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/HB0174.htm>

Senate Bill 302 (Financial Institutions – Commissioner of Financial Regulation – Investigative and Enforcement Powers and Regulation of Mortgage Lenders) Sponsored by Chair, Finance Committee by Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation

Repealing a provision of law that prohibits the Commissioner of Financial Regulation from exercising specified investigative and enforcement powers in connection with affiliates of specified financial institutions; repealing exemptions from the Maryland Mortgage Lender Law for a person that makes or brokers a specified number of mortgage loans in a calendar year and for subsidiaries and affiliates of specified federal and out-of-state financial institutions; etc.

To view more information online, visit
<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/SB0302.htm>

Senate Bill 303 (Credit Regulation – Debt Management Services – Agreement and Prohibited Acts) Sponsored by Chair, Finance Committee by Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation

Altering a notice that must be included in a debt management services agreement to clarify the right of a party to the agreement to rescind the agreement at any time; and prohibiting a licensed debt management services provider from violating any provision of specified State or federal laws.

To view more information online, visit
<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/SB0303.htm>

Senate Bill 307 (State Board of Education – Financial Literacy Curriculum – Graduation Requirement) Sponsored by Senator Klausmeier, et al

Requiring the State Board of Education to develop curriculum content for a course in financial literacy; requiring each county board of education to implement the financial literacy curriculum content developed by the State Board in every high school in the county; and requiring students to complete a course in financial literacy in order to graduate from high school.

To view more information online, visit
<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/SB0307.htm>

Senate Bill 241 (Civil Marriage Protection Act) Sponsored by The President (By Request – Administration) and Senators Ferguson, Forehand, Frosh, Garagiola, Gladden, Jones-Rodwell, Kelley, King, Kittleman, Madaleno, Manno, McFadden,

Montgomery, Pinsky, Pugh, Ramirez, Raskin, Robey, Young and Zirkin

Altering a provision of law to establish that only a marriage between two individuals who are not otherwise prohibited from marrying is valid in this State; prohibiting an official of a religious order or body authorized to perform a marriage ceremony from being required to solemnize or officiate a particular marriage or religious rite of a marriage in violation of the constitutional right to free exercise of religion; etc.

To view more information online, visit
<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/sb0241.htm>

I'd also like to share with you some major dates of interest relating to the General Assembly:

- February 3, 2012 (24th Day) Senate Bill Introduction Date. February 10, 2012 (31st Day) House Bill Introduction Date. Bills introduced after this date referred to the Rules Committee of the appropriate chamber, requiring an additional hearing and process before being released to the appropriate policy committee. An obstacle, though in recent years a generally surmountable one. In the month of February, with all bills introduced and assigned to policy committees, the most intensive work of the General Assembly will take place in committees, where the public hears are conducted to gain stakeholder input, and refinements to legislation are resolved where warranted.
- March 20, 2012 (70th Day) Committee Reporting Courtesy Date. March 26, 2012 (76th Day) Opposite Chamber Bill Crossover Date. By these dates, where there is a sentiment to pass a bill, it should be “moving” – out of its original committee by March 20, and out of its chamber of origin by the following week. Again, not hard-and-firm deadlines, but in general this is a busy stage of the session with both chambers working long hours in committee and on their respective floors to complete work on bills they seek to pass.
- April 9, 2012 (90th Day) Adjournment “Sine Die”. The session ends at midnight Monday and any legislation not completely through the full approval process by that time is defeated. The Governor then has a period of time to consider signing/vetoing legislation and proposals that do not become law may be re-introduced at the next General Assembly session to begin the full introduction/hearing process again.

For those interested in following the statewide redistricting, I'd like to share with you the following links that lay out the redistricting maps and discuss the plan:

<http://planning.maryland.gov/redistricting/>

<http://www.mdp.state.md.us/redistricting/2010/congDist.shtml>

I encourage our residents to stay tuned in if these topics are of interest to you. As always, I hope you have found this information insightful and I encourage you to share this newsletter with your neighbors.

All the best,

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"There is nothing to make you like other human beings so much as doing things for them." ~ Zora Neale Hurston